

50 USPQ2d 1614 (Fed. Cir. 1999), and the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2 immediately following "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION", please substitute the following paragraph:

B1 It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a removable handle that securely holds many, if not all, standard plastic specimen containers used to collect bodily fluids.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 13.

Please cancel the previous versions of claims 1-4, 6, 9, 12, and 16 and rewrite them as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following are clean copies of the rewritten claims. Marked-up versions of claims 1-4, 6, 9, 12, and 16 are attached as separate sheets.

B2 sub C. 1. (Twice Amended) A bodily fluid collection system comprising:
a plastic specimen container to collect bodily fluids, the plastic specimen container comprising a plastic body that defines an inner wall and an outer wall; and
a handle having a first body member and a second body member, the first body member having a first contact member which, in turn, has a first contact surface and an inner surface, and the second body member having a second contact member which, in turn, has a second contact surface and an outer surface,
wherein the first contact surface of the first contact member engages the inner wall of the plastic body, and the second contact surface of the second contact member engages the outer wall of the plastic body, removably securing the handle to the plastic body.

2. (Twice Amended) A method to collect a bodily fluid with a handle and a plastic specimen container, wherein the handle comprises a first body member and a second body member, the first body member has a first contact member which has a first contact surface and an inner surface, the second body member has a second contact member which has a second contact surface and an outer surface, and the specimen container comprises a plastic body that defines an inner wall and an outer wall, a collection cavity, and a rim, comprising the steps of:

B2 a) positioning the first contact member of the first body member adjacent to the rim formed by the plastic specimen container body, with the first contact member protruding into the collection cavity and the first contact surface facing the inner wall of the plastic body;

b) positioning the second contact member of the second body member adjacent to the rim formed by the plastic body, with the second contact surface of the second contact member facing the outer wall of the plastic body; and

c) securing the handle to the rim of the plastic body so that the first contact surface of the first contact member engages the inner wall of the plastic body, and the second contact surface of the second contact member engages the outer wall of the plastic body.

B3 3. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of moving the second contact member in a first direction prior to the step of securing the handle to the plastic body so that the first contact surface of the first contact member engages the inner wall of the plastic body, and the second contact surface of the second contact member engages the outer wall of the plastic body.

B3 4. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2 further comprising the step of removing the handle from the plastic body after the step of securing the handle to the plastic body so that the first contact surface of the first contact member engages the inner wall of the plastic body, and the second contact surface of the second contact member engages the outer wall of the plastic body.

B4 6. (Once Amended) A handle for use with a plastic specimen container, the handle comprising:

a first body member that defines a first contact surface and a guide hole;

a second body member that defines a second contact surface and a locking hole; and

a locking member,

wherein the first body member and the second body member are movable with respect to one another until the guide hole and locking hold are aligned with one another and the locking member is inserted into the guide hole and the locking hole.

B5 9. (Once Amended) The handle as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second contact surface defines at least one notch.

B6 12. (Once Amended) The handle as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first body member defines an internal channel, and the second body member is received in the internal channel defined by the first body member.

B7 16. (Once Amended) The urine collection device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plastic body defines a collection cavity, a fluid collection and retrieval